

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2014

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE

Sammamish, Washington

Attendees

Commissioners: Chair Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Lin Garretson, Margaret Rosenow, Priti Joshi, Ramu Iyer, Steve Wright, Kelli Ron

Staff: Joe Guinasso, Director of Financial & Technology Services; Colleen Rupke, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Commissioner Barbara Jirsa

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Note Approval of November 18, 2013 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Welcome New Commissioners

The Chair welcomed new commissioners.

Budget and Financial Report YTD 2014

Joe Guinasso offered an introduction to the Arts Commission Budget for the benefit of new Commission Members.

Budget and Financial Report YTD 2014

- \$25,800 2014 Budget
- \$6,500 4Culture Grant
- \$7,760 Carry forward

Total Funds Available: \$40,060

Special Guest: Mackenzie Goldman

Commissioner Garretson introduced Mackenzie, who has volunteered with the kids with special needs, working all manner of arts projects with the kids.

Mackenzie thanked the Commission for the opportunity to give back to her community by working with the kids on art project classes. Mackenzie recently had her bar mitzvah and received such generous gifts that she chose to give a portion of her monetary gifts back to the arts commission in the form of art supplies for the arts classes for the kids. Mackenzie's supplies-contributions were on display at the meeting and totaled over \$200.00.

Guest Speaker: *Department of Community Development Director, Kamuron Gurol*

Director Gurol, as the lead for the City of Sammamish on the Comprehensive Plan update presented an overview of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint mandated by the Washington State Growth Management Act which guides decisions on Growth Management; Land Use; Environment and Conservation; Transportation; Housing; Utilities and Public Services; Capital Facilities; Essential Public Facilities; Parks, Recreation and Open Space over a 20-year period of time.

The City of Sammamish Comprehensive Plan is being updated and there is interest by the city to include an artistic visual element to the look and feel of this document. As an advisory board to the City Council, concerning matters of the promotion and facilitation of public art in this community, Director Gurol came to the Arts Commission in search of a local artist who could provide a creative element to the visual look of this document. The deadline for the process completion will be June 2015. Director Gurol requested that the Arts Commission consider how it would like to be involved in the creative process and to identify a liaison who would work with the selected artist, the city consultant and city staff. Commissioner Shedd offered to liaison on behalf of the Commission.

There was discussion of incorporating a before-during-after theme for the art to show the change and growth and development of the Community over time.

Action Item: Commissioner Rosenow suggested that the Comp Plan should incorporate a cultural element. Director Guinasso will discuss with Director Gurol for cultural options to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Shedd volunteered to be a liaison to the Comprehensive Plan committee from the Arts Commission.

Plateau Living Presentation

Commissioner Garretson spoke about the *Plateau Living* project. Ann Wilcox is the producer of the magazine. This publication is sent to Sammamish residents free of charge. The Commission will pursue seeking sponsors to fund a monthly page or ad for the Arts Commission.

Special Arts Sammamish

Commissioner Garretson reported on the “Life Stories” event held on January 25, at the EX3 Teen Center. City Council Member Gerend and Commissioner Shedd shared their personal stories at this event. The format for this event was to explore different mediums through which one’s story could be told. Commissioner Shedd commented that it was a beautiful, non-threatening venue for kids to learn how to express themselves publicly through the arts. It was about life stories and communicating between the generations.

2014 Overview

Chair Schaefer reviewed the 2014 list of events

Chair Schaefer encouraged all of the Commissioners to participate in the judging of the 2/1/14 LEGO event.

Parks Department/Community Garden Gate project

The Arts Commission has been asked to do a “Call-to-Artists” in search of an artist to design one of the entrance gates at the Community Garden.

Theatre in Sammamish

Commissioner Wright would like to work on bringing homegrown talent in the areas of dance/drama & music on the Arts Commission calendar as a replacement for current November Valley Center Stage event (placeholder). Chair Schaefer requested that Commissioner Wright return with a proposal for the Commission to review at the February 24 meeting.

Event Marketing Flyers/Posters

There was discussion of uniformity of poster designs. Chair Schaefer is seeking a volunteer artist who will be able to work with the Arts Commission on putting together their posters. Chair Schaefer encouraged the Commission to have another set of eyes to review marketing material representing the Arts Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, February 24, 2014 – 6:30 pm